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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday. 4 December 2000

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Programme of work

Iraq (S/2000/1132)

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FOR THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS
TO THE UNITED NATIONS RELIEF AND WORKS AGENCY
FOR PALESTINE REFUGEES IN THE NEAR EAST

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	1st meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

10 a.m.	80th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

1. The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development [43]

   (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/55/175, A/55/389, A/55/465)

   (b) Note by the Secretary-General (A/55/174)

   (c) Draft resolutions (A/55/L.33/Rev.1, A/55/L.42)

2. Assistance in mine action: draft resolution (A/55/L.44/Rev.2) [47]

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3 p.m. 81st plenary meeting General Assembly Hall

1. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family: report of the Third Committee (A/55/591) [103]

2. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: report of the Third Committee (A/55/592) [104]

3. Crime prevention and criminal justice: report of the Third Committee (A/55/593) [105]

4. International drug control: report of the Third Committee (A/55/594) [106]

5. Advancement of women: report of the Third Committee (A/55/595 and Corr.1 and 2) [107]

6. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century": report of the Third Committee (A/55/596) [108]

7. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions: report of the Third Committee (A/55/597) [109]

8. Promotion and protection of the rights of children: report of the Third Committee (A/55/598) [110]

9. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People: report of the Third Committee (A/55/599) [111]

10. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination: report of the Third Committee (A/55/600) [112]

11. The right of peoples to self-determination: report of the Third Committee (A/55/601) [113]

12. Human rights questions: report of the Third Committee (A/55/602) [114]

    (a) Implementation of human rights instruments: report of the Third Committee (A/55/602/Add.1)

    (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms: report of the Third Committee (A/55/602/Add.2)

    (c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives: report of the Third Committee (A/55/602/Add.3)

    (d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action: report of the Third Committee (A/55/602/Add.4)

    (e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights: report of the Third Committee (A/55/602/Add.5)

13. Report of the Economic and Social Council: report of the Third Committee (A/55/603) [12]

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 34th meeting Conference Room 3

1. Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East [138]

   (b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.5/55/L.11

2. Organization of work

Morning*-1 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 115 (Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (A/55/5 (Vol. I, III, IV) and Add.1-12, A/55/80 and Add.1, A/55/380 and Add.1, A/55/364 and A/55/487))

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* Following the adjournment of the 34th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

3 p.m.*- 6.30 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Human resources management (A/55/253 and Corr.1, A/55/270, A/55/168, A/55/427, A/55/499, A/55/399 and Corr.1, A/53/955, A/C.5/54/21, A/54/257, A/54/279 and Corr.1, A/C.5/55/L.3, A/C.5/54/L.3, A/C.5/54/2, A/54/450, A/C.5/55/CRP.1 and CRP.2); Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services (A/55/397 and A/55/352 and Corr.1); and Management irregularities causing financial losses to the Organization (also under agenda item 116 (A/54/793 and A/55/499)))

7 p.m.- 10 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 125 (United Nations pension system (A/55/9, A/C.5/55/3 and A/55/481))

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* There will be a suspension of the informal consultations from 4.15 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.

JOINT INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS OF THE THIRD AND FIFTH COMMITTEES

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations of the Third and the Fifth Committees on agenda item 118 (Programme planning) and in particular Programme 19 (Human rights) (A/55/6 (Prog. 19), A/C.5/55/20 and Add.1 and A/C.5/55/CRP.3)

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	2nd meeting	Conference Room 8

[Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent to the Secretary of the Credentials Committee (room S-3420A) prior to the 2nd meeting.]

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PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

Sixth session

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Economic and Social Council Chamber
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations on relationship agreement between the Court and the United Nations

WORKING GROUP ON AGREEMENT ON THE PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES OF THE COURT

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	Conference Room 4
3 p.m. - 6 p.m.	Conference Room 4

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

Executive session on the report of the Panel on United Nations Peace Operations

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS

WORKING GROUP

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 1

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SECOND COMMITTEE

On Monday, 4 December 2000, there will be meetings of interested delegations on draft proposals, as follows:

Conference Room E: A/C.2/55/L.38 (item 92 (c)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and A/C.2/55/L.38 (item 92 (c)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

Conference Room S-2963D: A/C.2/55/L.36 (item 100), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room C-209B: A/C.2/55/L.29 (item 92 (a)), from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Conference Room S-3570E: A/C.2/55/L.28 (item 92 (b)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;

Conference Room 9: A/C.2/55/L.35 (item 97), from 10 a.m. to 11.30 a.m., and A/C.2/55/L.32, (item 93 (b)), from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Delegations are still requested to consult the blackboard outside of Conference Room 6 for any changes in the schedule for this consultation

Announcements

The Department of Economic and Social Affairs announced the launching of the Official United Nations Web site on the 2002 review of progress achieved since UNCED at www.un.org/rio+10. This Web site will provide information about the preparations for the review at the national, regional and international levels, as well as links to United Nations System and major group partners. The information on this site will be regularly updated as the preparatory process unfolds. Inquiries about the web site can be directed to Division for Sustainable Development of DESA (tel.: (212) 963-8811, or (212) 963-8429, or by e-mail at dsd@un.org).

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The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) announced the launching of a Web site on the International Year of the Mountains, 2002 (IYM), proclaimed by the General Assembly in resolution 53/24. This Web site can be accessed from the FAO home page (www.fao.org) or directly at the following address: www.mountains2002.org.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 4 December 2000

ARAB GROUP OF THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT

9 a.m. - 10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on A/C.2/55/L.29)

9 a.m.- 11 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on external debt)

1.15 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

2 p.m.- 2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

MEETING OF THE GROUP OF LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

2 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on A/C.2/55/L.36)

3 p.m.- 5 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on environment issues)

6 p.m.- 10 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on all outstanding Second Committee items)

6 p.m.- 10 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

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Announcement

As from Friday, 1 December 2000, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 5 December 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	41st meeting	Conference Room 2
Afternoon*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 2

* Following the adjournment of the 41st meeting of the Second Committee.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
7 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* There will be a suspension of the informal consultations from 4.15 p.m. to 5.15 p.m.

JOINT INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS OF THE THIRD AND FIFTH COMMITTEES

10 a.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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SECURITY COUNCIL

Under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Anwarul Karim Chowdhury (Bangladesh), the Security Council Working Group on General Issues on Sanctions will meet in Conference Room 7 as follows: Friday, 8 December 2000, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Monday, 11 December, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday, 12 December, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Wednesday, 13 December, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 15 December, from 10.30 a.m. to 1 p.m..

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panellists to participate in the forty-fifth session of the Commission on the Status of Women (6 to 16 March 2001). There will be two panels focusing on the following thematic issues being taken up by the Commission: (1) Women, the girl child and HIV/AIDS; and (2) Gender and all forms of discrimination, in particular racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae to the Division for the Advancement of Women (Room DC2-1259), no later than Thursday, 7 December 2000.

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho), on Tuesday, 5 December 2000, at 10 a.m. sharp, in Conference Room 9.

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The Chairman of the Commission on Sustainable Development will hold a briefing on the outcome of the 3rd meeting of the Bureau of the Commission on Tuesday, 5 December 2000, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. All interested delegations are invited to attend.

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United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

List of speakers

The fourth session of the Conference of the Parties will take place from 11 to 22 December 2000 in Bonn, Germany. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 18 to 20 December. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 5 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment is open until Tuesday, 5 December. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the technical Secretariat of the Conference in New York (Ms. June Chesney: tel.: (212) 963-5742; fax: (212) 963-5935; e-mail: chesney@un.org). The list will be reopened in Bonn on Monday, 11 December (telephone and fax numbers to be announced).

A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Bonn on Monday, 11 December.

The provisional agenda and organization of work for the session is contained in document ICCD/COP(4)/1 and can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site (http://www.unccd.int).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Secretariat of the United Nations.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Tuesday, 5 December 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 on Tuesday, 5 December 2000, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. *(briefing by Mr. Mohammed Reza Salamat, Co-Chair of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Energy and Sustainable Development, on the informal consultations scheduled for Friday, 8 December 2000)*. The conference room will be announced.

There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on all outstanding Second Committee matters)* on Tuesday, 5 December 2000, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. in Conferenc Room 6.

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Tuesday, 5 December 2000, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of co-sponsors to discuss the draft resolution under agenda item 14 (Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency), organized by the delegation of Nigeria, on Wednesday, 6 December 2000, from 12.20 p.m. to 1.30 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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Informal meeting

There will be an informal meeting for delegations interested in participating in the Energy Exhibit Committee for the ninth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development, on Thursday, 7 December 2000, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 9. The meeting, organized by the delegation of Canada, is open to all interested Member States.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) and the German Management Academy (DMAN) are jointly organizing the second session in the annual series entitled "Public-Private Partnership for Sustainable Development". This session will focus on "Public-Private partnership for Infrastructure Development". The workshop to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday, 7 and Friday, 8 December 2000, from 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9684).

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Panel discussion

There will be a panel discussion on the "Human Rights Balance Sheet 2000", organized by the International NGO Committee on Human Rights, on Thursday, 7 December 2000, from 11.45 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1. Members of the panel will include H.E. Sr. Juan Gabriel Valdés, Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations; Mrs. Elissavet Stamatopoulou-Robbins, Deputy Director, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights; and Mr. Malcolm Smart, Programme Director, Human Rights Watch. Members of the permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Hearings

As requested by the Preparatory Committee for the High-level International Intergovernmental Event on Financing for Development, hearings with the business sector will take place on Monday and Tuesday, 11 and 12 December 2000, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, United Nations agencies and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

For further information, please contact the Financing for Development Coordinating Secretariat (tel.: (212) 963-4451). The list of panellists and their presentations are available on the Internet (http://www.un.org/esa/ffd/NGO/1200hear/panel_list2.htm).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is conducting a workshop on team development. The workshop, to be conducted in English, will be held on Thursday, 14 December 2000 , from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday, 15 December from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including a detailed information note, a draft programme and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Thursday, 7 December. For further information, please contact Ms. Cecelia Coleman (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9684).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Friday, 1 December 2000

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fifth session

78th plenary meeting

The situation in the Middle East [40]

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/55/538, A/55/639)

(b) Draft resolutions (A/55/L.49, A/55/L.50)

The General Assembly continued its consideration of agenda item 40.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Turkey, Israel, Chile, Ukraine, Indonesia and Norway.

The representative of the United States made a statement in explanation of vote before the vote.

The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on draft resolutions A/55/L.49 and A/55/L.50.

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution A/55/L.49 (recorded vote) (resolution 55/50)	145	1	5
Draft resolution A/55/L.50 (recorded vote) (resolution 55/51)	96	2	55

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union) and Argentina.

Statements in exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of Lebanon, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Syrian Arab Republic, Iraq and Israel.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 40.

Question of Palestine [41]: *draft resolutions (A/55/L.45, A/55/L.46, A/55/L.47, A/55/L.48*

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 41.

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of the United States and Israel.

The General Assembly proceeded to take decisions on draft resolutions A/55/L.45, A/55/L.46, A/55/L.47 and A/55/L.48.

	Yes	*Against*	*Abstentions*
Draft resolution A/55/L.45 (recorded vote) (resolution 55/52)	106	2	48
Draft resolution A/55/L.46 (recorded vote) (resolution 55/53)	107	2	48
Draft resolution A/55/L.47 (recorded vote) (resolution 55/54)	151	2	2
Draft resolution A/55/L.48 (recorded vote) (resolution 55/55)	149	2	3

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union) and Mexico.

The observer of Palestine made a statement.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 41.

79th plenary meeting

The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict: draft resolution (A/55/L.52) [175]

The representative of South Africa made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/55/L.52.

The General Assembly decided to hear the observer of Switzerland in the debate on agenda item 175.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, France (also on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Turkey), Egypt, Australia, Bangladesh, the United Kingdom, Argentina, Angola, Burkina Faso, India, Canada, Belgium, Sierra Leone, Botswana, the Russian Federation, Namibia, Nigeria, Zimbabwe and Rwanda.

In accordance with its decision taken earlier at the meeting, the Assembly heard a statement by the observer of Switzerland.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/55/L.52 (resolution 55/56).

Statements were made by the representatives of South Africa and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 175.

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE 40th meeting

Macroeconomic policy questions: Trade and development [92 (a)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.19

The Chairman of the Committee read out an oral amendment to draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.19.

The Committee was informed that Bulgaria, the Islamic Republic of Iran, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Kyrgyzstan and Burkina Faso had joined as co-sponsors of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.19, as orally amended.

Macroeconomic policy questions : Science and technology for development [92 (d)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.3 and A/C.2/55/L.47

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Ms. Anne Barrington (Ireland), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.47, which she submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.3.

Before the adoption, the Secretary read out a statement on the programme budget implications of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.47.

In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.47, draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.3 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to take note of document A/55/413.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of subitem 92 (d).

Sectoral policy questions: Industrial development cooperation [93 (a)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.22 and L.42

The Chairman introduced the draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.42, which he submitted on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.22.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.42.

The representative of Brazil made a statement.

In light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.42, draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.22 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of subitem 93 (a).

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration on International Economic Cooperation, in particular the Revitalization of the Economic Growth and Development of Developing Countries and implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Development Decade [94 (a)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.39

Kyrgyzstan joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), reported on the informal consultations held on the draft resolution and orally revised the text.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised.

Environment and sustainable development: implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 [95 (a)]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.2/55/L.17 and L.46

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Navid Hanif (Pakistan), introduced draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.46.

The Secretary read out a statement regarding the programme budget implications of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution.

The representative of Egypt made a statement.

In the light of the adoption of draft reosolution A/C.2/55/L.46, draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.17 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

Training and research [97]

Action on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.24/Rev.1

The Vice-Chairman of the Committee, Ms. Anne Barrington (Ireland), informed the Committee of the results of the informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.24 and drew the attention of the Committee to revised draft resolution A/C.2/55/L.2/Rev.1, which was submitted by the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Costa Rica, Gabon, Guatemala and Tonga.

The Committee adopted the revised draft resolution.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

The representative of Nigeria (on behalf of the Group of 77) informed the Committee that there would be no submission of a draft resolution under agenda item 12.

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PREPARATORY COMMISSION FOR
THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT
Sixth session 25th meeting

The Chairman of the Preparatory Commission, H.E. Mr. Philippe Kirsch (Canada), made a statement.

The Coordinator for the Working Group on Relationship Agreement between the Court and the United Nations, H.E. Mr. Cristián Maquieira (Chile), the Coordinator for the Working Group on Financial Regulations and Rules, Mr. Georg Witschel (Germany), and the Coordinator for the Working Group on Crime of Aggression, Mr. Tuvako Manongi (United Republic of Tanzania), reported on the work of their respective Working Groups.

The representative of Chile made a statement.

The Secretary of the Commission also spoke.

DISARMAMENT COMMISSION
Organizational session 240th meeting

Opening of the session

The 2000 organizational session of the Commission was opened by H.E. Mr. Hadi Nejad Hosseinian (Islamic Republic of Iran), who made a statement.

Adoption of the agenda

The Commission adopted a provisional agenda for the 2000 organizational session, as contained in document A/CN.10/L.47.

Election of the Chairman and other officers of the Bureau

The Commission elected Mr. Giorgi Vassilev, Mr. Hira Bahadur Thapa, Mr. Roberto Lema and Mrs. Diane Quarless as Vice-Chairmen of the Commission.

The Commission also elected Mr. Ko Ko Shein (Myanmar) as the Rapporteur of the Commission.

It was decided that further consultations would be held with regard to candidates for the post of the Chairman of the Commission, as well as the remaining vacant posts of the Vice-Chairmen.

Adoption of the draft provisional agenda for the substantive session

The Commission has considered and adopted the provisional agenda for the 2001 substantive session as contained in document A/CN.10/L.48.

Dates of the 2001 session

The Commission decided that the 2001 substantive session would be held from 9 to 27 April 2001.

Organizational matters

The Commission has reestablished Committee of the Whole and two working groups (Working Group I dealing with ways and means to achieve nuclear disarmament and Working Group II on practical confidant-building measures in the field of conventional arms).

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Basel Protocol on Liability and Compensation for Damage Resulting from Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal. Basel, 10 December 1999

Signature: Sweden (1 December 2000)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of December 2000 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Madagascar
H.E. Mr. Jean Delacroix Bakoniarivo

Asian States:
Mongolie
H.E. Mr. Jargalsaikhany Enkhsaikhan

Eastern European States:
Ukraine
H.E. Mr. Valeri Kuchynski
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Chile
H.E. Mr. Gabriel Valdés

Western European and other States:
Andorra
H.E. Mr. Juli Minoves-Triquell

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International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

Exhibit

In observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations, presents a Palestinian Art Exhibit entitled "The Land". The exhibit will remain in display at the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building until Tuesday, 12 December 2000.

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